

HEALTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

August 23, 2016

5:30 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Carol Cook
Commissioner Phil Dodd
Commissioner Joe Gourley
Commissioner Will Jordan
Commissioner Jeff Phillips
Commissioner Pettus Read
Commissioner Rhonda Allen, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ernest Burgess
Teresa Jolly
Don Odom
Terri Bodkins
Dana Garrett
Jeff Sandvig
Gary Clardy
Becky Scarlett

Chairman Allen presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with all members being present at that time.

MINUTES:

"Commissioner Cook moved, seconded by Commissioner Jordan, to approve the minutes of the last meeting. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Dana Garrett presented the Health Department report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Dodd moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, to approve the Health Department report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

COMMUNITY CARE REPORT:

The Committee was provided a copy of the August 10, 2016 minutes for its use and information. Ms. Terri Bodkins was introduced as the new Director of Community Care. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Cook moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, to approve the Community Care report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT:

Teresa Jolly presented the Special Projects report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Jordan moved, seconded by Commissioner Cook, to approve the Special Projects report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT:

Superintendent Don Odom provided enrollment statistics showing a 2.55% increase in student population advising the three middle school grades increased more than the seven elementary grades or four high school grades. The increase last year was 2.9%

Mr. Odom and Jeff Sandvig presented proposed budget amendments including two carry over projects from the 2015/16 Capital Projects Budget, Fund 177 which were not complete as of June 30, 2016 being Barfield School roofing at \$271,436 and the LaVergne High running track at \$30,702 for a total of \$302,138. Each year the outstanding purchase orders for these incomplete projects are liquidated on June 30 and an amendment must be approved to take the leftover funds for the projects out of the Fund Balance, Committed for Capital Projects, in order to re-budget these projects so they can be finished. The opening fund balance for this fund is \$2,113,711 and will be \$1,811,573 after the amendment.

The Committee was next advised the school system has been awarded \$2,137,047 in Energy Efficiency School Initiative (EESI) funds in order to install automated control systems on HVAC units in 19 schools and to change gym lighting from metal halide to LED at Rockvale Middle and Rock Springs Elementary. The School Board will file for reimbursement from EESI as the items are paid for. The loan repayments will begin after the projects are complete and are included in the 2016/17 General Purpose School budget. The loan will include a 1.0% administrative fee since the projects exceed \$1,000,000. The project paybacks range from .7 years to 7 years and energy savings will be enough to pay off the loan.

The final item was a request for the Commission to approve architectural fees for four projects including Rockvale High at an estimated fee of \$1,962,000, LaVergne and Smyrna High School restrooms and concessions at a combined fee of \$15,000 and the Rocky Fork two story elementary school at a fee of \$1,204,000. The Committee was advised Engineering would like to get these projects designed so they can be bid by March, 2017 to proceed with construction as early as April. The early bids will give the greatest opportunity for the best price since most contractors will be looking for and bidding their 2017 and 2018 work load. The funding will need to be approved by April, 2017. The Committee was advised the Commission is aware of the projects because they have been on the Building Plan for several years. The design funding for Rocky Fork Elementary can come from the \$5,549,000 already transferred from the GPS Unassigned Fund Balance and the other projects can be funded from internal borrowing in the Building Program from that transferred money. Commissioner Phillips asked hadn't the bathrooms already been in other plans for the bleachers, etc. and Mr. Clardy advised they needed to be looked at again to get ready to design. Commissioner Gourley questioned the two story elementary and asked if the School Board was going to a two story middle school as well due to land costs and was advised yes with the next middle school. Superintendent Odom advised the School Board is looking at almost entirely all two story schools.

"Commissioner Gourley moved, seconded by Commissioner Read, to (1) amend \$302,138 from Fund 177 Account 34685, Committed for Capital Projects, and to increase the budget for Maintenance and Repair Services, 91300-335, by \$302,138 in order to re-budget the incomplete 2015/16 projects so they can be finished; (2) approve the loan from Energy Efficiency School Initiative in the amount of \$2,137,047 at a 1.0% administrative fee to be repaid over a four year period with funds from the General Purpose School budget as presented; and (3) approve funding Architectural Fees for Rockvale High School at an estimated fee of \$1,962,000, LaVergne and Smyrna High School restrooms and concessions at a combined fee of \$15,000 and the Rocky Fork two story elementary school at a fee of \$1,204,000 as presented. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

Superintendent Odom next presented information on the five year building program currently under consideration by the Board for the use and information of the Committee advising it was not finalized yet.

Mr. Sandvig advised he thought the motions on the three amendments should be separate motions instead of just one.

"Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Cook, to rescind the prior motion on the three School Board budget amendments. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

"Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Gourley, to amend \$302,138 from Fund 177 Account 33685, Committed for Capital Projects, and to increase the budget for Maintenance and Repair Services, 91300-335, by \$302,138 in order to re-budget the incomplete 2015/16 projects so they can be finished. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

"Commissioner Jordan moved, seconded by Commissioner Cook, to approve the loan from Energy Efficiency School Initiative in the

amount of \$2,137,047 at a 1.0% administrative fee to be repaid over a four year period with funds from the General Purpose School budget as presented. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

"Commissioner Read moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, to approve funding Architectural Fees for Rockvale High School at an estimated fee of \$1,962,000, LaVergne and Smyrna High School restrooms and concessions at a combined fee of \$15,000 and the Rocky Fork two story elementary school at a fee of \$1,204,000 as presented. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Allen declared the meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

RHONDA ALLEN, Chairman